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Veterinary medicine is one of the most honorable professions of the day and age. The veterinarian is responsible for the lives of millions of dollars worth of livestock and indirectly, for the lives and sustenance of mankind. It is through years of intensive study that enables the veterinarian to do the job efficiently.

The practice of Veterinary Medicine has developed rapidly in the past two decades. Owing to economic changes in the post World War I era, the practice of the veterinarian broadened to include food and pet animals. The demands of animal diseases, sanitation, preventative medicine and increasing numbers of livestock have initiated the change from an equine practice to a practice including several species of animals.

With the increased possibilities of general or specialized practice, contact with the public has developed in proportion. With this in mind the veterinarian has awakened to the fact that his personal and professional conduct reflects on the whole profession, for by his acts the populace passes judgment on the profession. It would be well to again consider THE VETERINARIANS' CREED as written by Dean R. R. Dykstra.

- To regard my profession as something more than a means of livelihood;
- To value character more highly than reputation and truth above popularity;
- To be merciful and humane, preventing needless suffering among dumb beasts;
- To be faithful and zealous, preventing needless loss to those I am called on to serve;
- To guide my conduct by sober judgment and my judgment by a never-sleeping conscience;
- To be modest and open-minded and thankful for every opportunity to increase my knowledge and my usefulness;
- To be a co-worker with my fellow practitioners by the mutual interchange of counsel and assistance;
- To be true to myself, measuring my success by the value of the service I render rather than by the fee I receive.